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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the non-final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow.

By his signature affixed to Page 14 of this submission, Applicants' representative hereby represents that he is authorized to represent the Applicants pursuant to Rule 34(a) of the Rules of Practice.

In this response, the Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, while the remarks begin on page 6.

Applicants submit herewith:

- 1) A Petition for Three Months' Extension of Time.